Tobacco price-support

Burley growers could be eligible

By TOM CONRAD

ASCS may continue burley tobacco marketing experiment-Burley tobacco growers could be eligible to receive federal price support and grading on their untied, baled tobacco marketings through the 1980-81 season.

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ASCS plans to continue the marketing experiment on limited quantities of burley tobacco for another year.

The experiment was also in effect for the 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons. Previously, untied burley was classified "No Grade" and was ineligible for price support.

Under the proposed extension, any producer interested in selling untied bales of burley tobacco may apply for price support at the county ASCS office between now and October 10. The signup and marketing process are the same as for last year. Each farmer would be guaranteed price support on the larger of 1500 pounds or 20 percent of the farm marketing quota. Any unwanted quota would be apportioned to producers who wish to sell more than 20 percent of the marketing quota from a state pool instead of a county pool.

Burley tobacco growers are required to certify that all bales to be delivered for price support and official grading in a single lot will be of similar quality; the tobacco will be stalk-cured; will not contain foreign matter; and will not be nested. Nesting is the concealing of foreign material or inferior tobacco inside the bale.

In order for farmers to be eligible for grading and price support, on baled tobacco and for price support on any tobacco produced on their farm, they must comply with the certifications. Warehouse operators will be required to open a representative bale in each lot of tobacco for inspection by a department grader.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE - Disaster payments are available to farmers participating in the wheat and feed grain program whose corn and/or grain sorghum yields are cut below 60 % of their farm's normal yield because of drought.

Farmers who plan to destroy the crop of cut it for silage should contact the ASCS office to arrange for an appraisal of the damage prior to disposing of the crop.

Corn or grain sorghum that will be harvested for grain will not have to be appraised. The producer, however, must apply for assistance within 15 days after harvest.

Grain that will be stored must be kept separate by farm or if it will be commingled with old corn or corn produced on different farms, it must be measured by an ASCS representative. If corn is produced on more than one farm and will be stored together, contact the ASCS office before harvesting begins.

Keep all weight and sales tickets on grain that is sold. These must be submitted to ASCS as production evidence.

Payments will be based on the difference between the production on the farm and 60% of the farm's established yield.

Payment rates - Corn - Farm planted within NCA - $1.18 per bushel. Farm exceeding NCA - $1.03 per bushel.

Grain Sorghum - Farm planted within NCA - $1.25 per bushel - Farm exceeding NCA - $1.23 per bushel.

REMINDER - Flue tobacco producers who wish to redesignate warehouses are reminded that the period for this month ends September 5. Price support will not be effective on redesignated tobacco until 10 days after the redesignation period.

WILLIE FERGUSON, age 67, and son, Clyde "Tom Dooley" Ferguson, are shown in a field of tobacco they grew on Red Jamerson's farm. Willie helped his son grow this fine tobacco crop, showing him the tricks of the trade and giving him advice which has accumulated during generations of tobacco growing. This crop, Clyde's first, was cut Aug. 23. The crop grew with no irrigation, watered only by the scarce rain which fell this summer.

Bartelt is 'peacock winner'

Celeste Bartelt, a fourth grader at Appomattox Elementary, has been selected as one of the nine winners of the WSLS T.V. 10 "Proud As A Peacock Contest."

Celeste's winning project was made of papier mache'. She made the project in three to four days. Celeste won a set of Britannica Junior Encyclopedias.

Celeste visited WSLS TV 10 for the taping of "Insight." On this show, the winners will be announced and the projects will be shown. Also, Celeste and the other eight winners will be on the program.

"Insight" was aired Sunday, August 31 at 12 noon on WSLS TV 10.

Mayberry graduates

Coast Guard Fireman Machinery Technician Timothy A. Mayberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Mayberry Sr. of Route 1, Box 364, Appomattox, Va., was graduated from Machinery Technician School.

The 16-week course was conducted at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Va. Students received instruction on the inspection, servicing and repair of gasoline and diesel engines, hydraulic systmes, steam driven machinery plus refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment. Other studies included blueprint reading, welding techniques and job-related safety procedures.

He joined the Coast Guard in September 1979.

FRCC course closed

The golf course at the Failing River Country Club closed until further notice, according to an announcement by Bob McFaden, club manager.

The closing is necessary due to the extremely dry weather and turf disease.

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